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(C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Southeast Asia Desk Officer Samuela Isopi October 16. Isopi said Italy's direct foreign aid for Burma is relatively small and focused on humanitarian assistance. A program to bring two Burmese diplomats to Italy for a course on human rights this month was cancelled at the last moment because of the regime crackdown. Isopi said Italy could consider assistance focused on human rights and democratization, but it would depend on future conditions in Burma, budget constraints, and the ability to identify appropriate implementing partners.
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